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On March 20, Dawson County took possession of the former First National Bank building, which will open in late summer as the new Glendive Public Library. Library Director Gail Nagle said payment of the building's \$188,400 price tag came from an endowment fund, depreciation reserves and an LSCA Title II grant. She said only minor remodeling work needs to be done to make the building handicapped accessible. The new building, which is round on a triangular lot, will almost double the library's current space about half a block away. Nagle said the night depository will continue to be used so "patrons can drop off books without getting their arm wet."

Dr. Charlotte Huck will deliver the May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 1992, in the Gallatin and Jefferson Rooms at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. Her title: "Developing Life-Time Readers." Huck, an author of children's books and textbooks on teaching literature-based reading in the classroom, is professor emerita at Ohio State University. There is no charge for the lecture, which is co-sponsored by the State Library, the Montana Center for the Book and the Montana Library Association.

The State Library Commission postponed action February 12 on the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library's request for approximately \$73,000 in LSCA Title II construction funds. Commission members indicated they would take up the matter at their April 29 meeting in Bozeman. The Butte library requested the money for additional remodeling of the former US WEST building that became its new home last fall.

Handicapped access is on the agenda at the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda. Since the Americans With Disabilities Act went into effect in January, libraries and all other public places must remove physical barriers to disabled persons. The library's door and entry way will be changed to allow easy wheelchair access, a ramp and railing will be constructed and a handicapped-accessible bathroom put in.

The new Boulder Community Library will officially open sometime in April. At press time, sidewalks and ramps were being completed and the outside cedar siding stained. Director Diana Vance said the new building has three times the area of the old library, which shares space with the local senior citizens group and has one reading table. The new library will have public access computers and room for a donated microfilm reader, Vance said.

Trustee training workshops will be held this spring in each of the federation areas, beginning May 8 in Great Falls. State Librarian Richard Miller and Sheila Cates, Coordinator of Library Development, will be the presenters. A letter will go out prior to the workshops to all trustees detailing the schedule. An LSCA grant will pay mileage for one car from each library sending participants and for their lunch at the workshop.

An emergency mill levy that would benefit the Lewis & Clark Library, among other agencies, has been trimmed by the County Commission from \$1.4 million to \$621,976. Library Director Debbie Schlesinger predicted a significant reduction in hours, elimination of jobs and a major book budget decrease if the levy fails on June 2.

There's still time to call 800-530-8888 to register your support for America's libraries. Calls are being taken through the end of National Library Week (April 11). The number of people who participate in this ALA-sponsored call-in campaign will be used to lobby Congress during ALA Legislative Day on April 7.

Personnel news: Jane Howell, former interim director of the Eastern Montana College Library in Billings, has been named director. New director at the Rosebud County Library in Forsyth is Fran O'Shea.

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The following meetings and events are scheduled for APRIL/MAY:

May	3-7	Orlando, FL
	29	International Reading Association Annual Conference,
	26-29	State Library Commission, Bozeman
	26	Montana Library Association annual conference, Bozeman
	10	Arbutnot Lecture, Bozeman
	8	Library Services Advisory Council, Helena
April	5-11	Great American Read-Aloud/Night of a Thousand Stars
		National Library Week
		School Library Media Month

Montana kids in grades K-3 have voted *Cock-A-Dooodle Dudley* by Bill Peet the 1992 Treasure State Award winner. Bette Aamun at Missoula Public Library said more than 4,500 children voted this year. Nominees for the 1993 Treasure State Award are: *All Join In*, by Quentin Blake, *High Wire Henry*, by Mary Calhoun; *Chrysanthemum*, by Kevin Henkes; *Amazing Grace*, by Mary Hoffman, and *Henry and Mudge Take the Big Test*, by Cynthia Rylant. At press time, votes were still coming in to the University of Washington Graduate School of Library & Information Science for the 1992 Young Reader's Choice Award. The YRCA is chosen by 4-8th graders in four Western states and two Canadian provinces. Nominees for the 1993 youth division award are: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi; *Our Sixth-Grade Sugar Babies*, by Eve Bunting; *Weasel*, by Cynthia DeFelice; *The Legend of Jimmy Spoon*, by Kristiana Gregory; *Dead Man in Indian Creek*, by Mary Hahn; *Cousins*, by Virginia Hamilton; *Toughboy and Sister*, by Kirkpatrick Hill; *Orp and the Chop Suey Burgers*, by Suzy Kline; *Take a Chance, Gamps*, by Jean Okimoto; *Truckers*, by Terry Pratchett; *Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli, and *Dealing With Dragons*, by Patricia Wrede. In the senior division category, 1993 award nominees are: *Redwork*, by Michael Bedard; *The Face on the Milk Carton*, by Caroline Cooney; *Enter Three Witches*, by Kate Glimore; *The Silver Kiss*, by Annette Klause, and *Loosing Joe's Place*, by Gordon Korman. Attention children's librarians and librarians who work with children: The State Library's Library Development staff invites all librarians who work with children to a social hour at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 26, in Suite 217 of the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. It will be an informal time to chat, meet colleagues and maybe win a free set of children's books. See you there!

Parmlly Billings Library celebrated completion of a major remodeling project plus kicked off National Library Week with an open house Sunday, April 5. The library's Broadway entrance was closed, both the first-floor circulation desk and children's area were moved, and the second-floor reference desk relocated. An automated security system and new signs and shelves were also installed.

Please make a note in your 1992 Montana Library Directory--New phone number for the Bicentennial Library in Colstrip: 748-3040. The Dawson Community College library in Glendive has a new fax number: 365-8132.